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SUBJ: MBFR: SUMMARY OF INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES OF FEBRUARY 16, 1978

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE FEBRUARY 16, 1978 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE NETHERLANDS, UK AND US REPS, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS TARASOV AND SHUSTOV, CZECHOSLOVAK REP KEBLUSEK AND GDR REP OESER.

2. BY AGREEMENT, THE SESSION DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE TEXT OF THE DECEMBER 14 STATEMENTS. EASTERN REPS TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE WEST HAD SHOWN SOME READINESS TO MOVE ON THE TEXT BY INDICATING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT INCLUSION OF A REFERENCE TO OCTOBER 25 IN SECTION 3, BUT THAT THE MAIN ISSUE IN THE TEXT WAS THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2 EMBODYING WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES THEN PROCEEDED TO RETURN TO THE WEST UNDER THE GUISE OF AN EASTERN CONCESSION THE VERY  
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MOVE WESTERN REPS HAD MADE IN THE PROVIOUS SESSION: THE EAST AGREED TO DROP MENTION OF THE OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL IN SECTION 3. EASTERN REPS AGAIN SHOWED NO DISPOSITION TO DISCUSS WESTERN ADDITIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, WHEN WESTERN REPS AGAIN REVIEWED THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE WEST, EASTERN REPS REPEATED THEIR STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THEM CONSTRUCTIVELY ONCE THE CENTRAL ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. WESTERN REPS STRONGLY

ARGUED THE CASE THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE ENTIRE TEXT, MAKING AGREEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL SUGGESTIONS DEPENDENT ON FINAL AGREEMENT TO THE OVERALL TEXT.

3. GDR REP LED OFF. HE SAID THE WEST HAD IN THE PREVIOUS SESSION TRIED TO MAKE A CERTAIN MOVE TOWARDS ACHIEVING UNDERSTANDING, BUT EITHER HAD NOT OR DID NOT WANT TO GRASP THE POINT THAT THE ESSENTIAL STEP FOR AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENTS WAS WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2 IN THE DECEMBER 14 TEXT, IN WHICH THE WEST WOULD INDICATE ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL.

4. UK REP SUMMARIZED THE REASONS WHY THE WEST WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2. HE DESCRIBED SIGNIFICANCE OF WESTERN WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT MENTION OF OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL IN SECTION 3, AND REQUESTED EAST TO ENTER ON DETAILED COMMENT ON THE NEW LANGUAGE WHICH THE WEST HAD PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECEMBER 14 STATEMENT. HE URGED THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE A BUSINESSLIKE DISCUSSION OF THE ENTIRE TEXT FROM BEGINNING TO END.

5. CZECHOSLOVAK REP MADE A LENGTHY STATEMENT INTENDED TO JUSTIFY THE EASTERN VIEW THAT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL OF OCTOBER 25, 1977 SHOULD, BECAUSE OF ITS ACTUAL CONTENT, BE CONSIDERED AS THE BASIS OF THE PENDING DATA EXCHANGE.

6. NETHERLANDS REP SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO A COMPRE-  
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HENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TEXT IN ITS ENTIRETY SINCE THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TEXT WERE CLEARLY INTER-RELATED. ONLY BY DISCUSSION OF THE ENTIRE TEXT, INCLUDING BOTH PROPOSED WESTERN ADDITIONS AND TRANSLATION ISSUES, COULD PARTICIPANTS HAVE PRECISE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AGREEMENT ACTUALLY REACHED. ANY POSITIONS TAKEN BY EITHER SIDE ON AMENDMENTS WOULD OF COURSE BE CONDITIONAL ON AGREEMENT OF THE OVERALL TEXT

7. TARASOV SAID THE EAST INSISTED ON RETENTION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE IN SECTION 2 OF THE DECEMBER 14 TEXT IN WHICH THE WEST SHOULD

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INDICATE IN A CLEAR WAY WHETHER IT ACCEPTED THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL. TARASOV SAID THAT IF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERED THAT THE MENTION OF THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL IN SECTION 3 OF THE DECEMBER 14 TEXT MADE THE TEXT UNBALANCED, THE EAST WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO ITS DELETION ON CONDITION THAT THE WEST ACCEPTED THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2.

8. US REP SAID HE CONSIDERED IT TIME TO GO THROUGH THE COMPLETE TEXT SYSTEMATICALLY SO PARTICIPANTS COULD HAVE A CORRECT OVERVIEW OF THE ACTUAL STATUS. US REP THEN DEALT IN SEQUENCE WITH CHANGES SUGGESTED BOTH BY THE TRANSLATORS OF BOTH SIDES WHO HAD COMPARED THE RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF THE PROPOSED STATEMENTS AND WITH THE CHANGES ALREADY PROPOSED BY WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FEBRUARY 7 SESSION.

9. TARASOV ONCE AGAIN INDICATED HE WAS UNWILLING TO DEAL WITH INDIVIDUAL ASPECTS OF THE TEXT UNTIL THE WEST AGREED TO ACCEPT SENTENCE 1 OF SECTION 2, BUT HE DID INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO FAVOR-  
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ABLY CONSIDER TRANSLATION CHANGES IN SECTION 1.

10. IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION OF THE TEXT IN THE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21. END SUMMARY. RESOR

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